



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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NOTICE

CHANGE IN DATE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held by
the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall on
Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

Voting the Fiscal 2007 Town Budget

The TOWN ELECTION will be held on
Saturday May 20, 2006.

The polls will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

TOLLAND TOWN HALL (413)258-2794**From the office of the Town Clerk**

Town Election, Saturday May 20th – Polls are open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This is a Vote by Ballot. If you are unable to be in Town during the hours the polls are open you may request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballot request forms are available at the Town Hall or on our Town website www.tolland-ma.gov.

Absentee Ballots may be requested up until Friday May 19th at noon, therefore I will hold office hours on Friday the 19th from 10 a.m. – noon.

Once completed the requests may be dropped off during Town Hall hours, returned by U.S. mail or left in the grey drop box outside the Town Hall. Once I receive the request a ballot is send back to person requesting it to be filled out and returned to the Town Hall. Allow time for this process when making your request.

From the office of the Tax Collector

The second half real estate tax bills for this fiscal year, which ends July 1, will be mailed mid May. By law, the bills are mailed to the owner of record as of Jan. 1, 2005.

The tax bills must be paid 30 days from mailing of the bill:

Tolland Town Hall
Collector's Office
241 West Granville Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received the real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office.

From the office of the Assessors

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires that the Assessors conduct an inspection of every property in Town. These inspections are important to ensure the accuracy of our data.

During 2003-2005 each property in Town was visited; buildings were measured, data collected and photos taken of the exteriors of all buildings.

We now enter the second phase of the collection process which requires that we inspect the interior of the buildings and if we feel it is necessary, any other structures on the property. The inspection should take approximately 10 minutes. We will not conduct an inspection unless someone 18 years or older is present. If no one is home we will leave a notice which requests you contact us for an appointment.

Please note that the Tolland Assessors will be identified by a car sign, and name tag.

From the office of the Board of Selectmen

Summer dump hours will start on May 1st:

Sundays 3 – 7 p.m., Wednesdays 5 – 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 – 11 a.m.

The Town of Tolland is seeking bids on lawn mowing and lawn care at the following locations:

- Town Green Rte. 57 and Clubhouse Road
- Town Library 23 Clubhouse Road
- Town Hall 241 West Granville Road
- Spring Hill Cemetery Rte. 57
- South Quarter Cemetery Rivers Road
- Burt Hill Cemetery Burt Hill Road

We will accept bids for all six locations or individually

Bids must be received by the Tolland Selectmen by May 22, 2006 at the Tolland Town Hall, 241 West Granville Road, Tolland, MA 01034. Please mark the envelope "Attention: Lawn Care". For more information call 413-258-4794.

From the office of the Building Inspector

Summer hours:

May 1,8,15 and 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Tolland Town Hall

June, July and August by appointment only. Call 258-4590 to set an appointment or schedule an inspection. If leaving a message, please leave name, evening phone and short message.

Tolland Library News

Firstly, I would like to thank Tom Paine, Marshall Lander, Don McClellan and Eric Munson Jr. for volunteering the time to install all three of our new and most beautiful doors.

I have a patron who is interested in getting recent publications of People Magazine through the magazine exchange at the Library. Any issues from the last six months would be appreciated.

When I was younger than my youngest, my parents became involved with a local theater group in Connecticut. My dad was either on the stage or directing and my mom was either designing sets or making glorious costumes out of nothing. I spent more hours up in the balcony of theaters doing my homework. I knew everyone's lines and all the songs. Eventually I ended up on that stage in my own capacity. The time I have spent watching and participating has been one of the greatest gifts my parents gave me. In memory of my father, B. Woodruff Clark, I have donated to the Library the following original Broadway cast soundtracks.

- The Music Man
- Man of La Mancha
- My Fair Lady
- Camelot
- A Chorus Line
- The King & I

Also new at the Library

Movies:

- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- Crash

Books:

- Two Little Girls in Blue by Mary Higgins Clark
- Any Approaching Enemy by Jay Worrall

We have a large amount of books for sale, including our entire Encyclopedia Britannica from the 1990s. I hope to see you all in May. I hope you will consider contributing to the photo exhibit for The Nature of Tolland. The deadline for entries in May 15th. Mostly, I hope you will just come and enjoy the Library. Jessica

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TOWN OF TOLLAND
MASSACHUSETTS 01034

TEL: (413) 258-4794
FAX: (413) 258-4048

Record of Dog License May 1, 2006 thru April 30, 2007

Date: ____/____/2006 Tag No.: _____
 Owner Name: _____ Phone No. _____
 Street Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 (if different from street address)
 Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____
 Color: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____
 Rabies Vaccine Exp. Date: ____/____/____ **Copy of Rabies Certification Required**

PROOF OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING REQUIRED

Spayed or Neutered: \$5.00 Not spayed or Neutered: \$10.00
 Kennel Licenses: (4-10 dogs) \$25.00 (More than 10) \$50.00
 Fee Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check (Circle one)

UPPER PORTION FOR TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

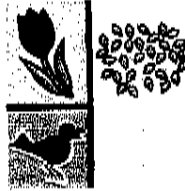
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 Fee Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check (Circle one) Initial _____

DOG OWNER KEEP THIS PORTION AS YOUR RECEIPT

Nature of Tolland Town-wide Event on Saturday, June 24th Shaping Up! RAIN or SHINE!



Details are being finalized for this fun town-wide event celebrating the Nature of Tolland. Here's an update with more to follow next month:

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Photography Exhibit: Photos are coming and we encourage you to bring your matted or framed photo of people, places and nature in Tolland to the library or Town Hall during regular hours. If you cannot deliver it during those hours contact Jessica Kelmelis at jckhome@bcn.net for arrangements. Be sure you provide your name, phone number and a brief description of the scene with your photos. The exhibit will be on display at the library all summer and the library will be open during the event.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kids' Recreation: Mary Ann Deming and Mike Sullivan are working with the Tolland 4-H group to set up kid's games. Details next month. Thanks to the Tolland 4-H's for this special treat.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Historical Society Exhibition at the Church on the Green.

6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper: Bring a main dish plus a side dish or dessert, and your own beverages. We'll feast from a pot luck dinner of our culinary specialties at community tables. Plates, cutlery, glasses and napkins will be provided.

5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Entertainment: Shirley Warner reports the entertainment is signed and sealed and will be delivered with style and energy. Bring a comfy chair or blanket to sit on.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Singer Tony Raurus featuring songs from the 40's through the 80's.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Zoe Darrow and the Fiddleheads (from Blandford), fiddler, guitar and keyboard. Bluegrass and more. Go to www.zoedarrow.com for Zoe Darrow and the Fiddleheads web page and sound bites.

Remember to save the date and make plans with your friends and neighbors to get together for this fun evening!

Doris Messenger Case, 75 years old, of Granby, Ct., formerly of Tolland, Ma. went to be with her savior, Jesus on March 28, 2006. She was the youngest daughter of now deceased Earle and Elsie Messenger of whom Mr. Messenger was the Board of Selectman and Chief of Police for many years in Tolland, MA.

During Doris' younger years she worked at the drum shop in Granville and also worked as a secretary for The Westfield Envelope Co. in Westfield. She was a graduate of Westfield High School and a member of the Tolland Congregational Church while living in Tolland. After her marriage, she helped her husband in his maple sugar and produce business, plus raising their 2 children. She was an active member of the Evangelical Church in Southwick, MA. and also a member at the Simsbury Covenant Church in Ct.

Doris leaves her loving husband of 50 years, Arlow Case of Granby, Ct. and their 2 children, daughter Colleen her husband Edwin and their 3 children, son Arlow Jr. his wife Sue and their 4 children. She also leaves her loving sisters Verna Bittles and Eunice Hill of Tolland; a nephew and 2 nieces from Eunice; Randy Hill, Starr Lopaze and Adrienne Prince of Az. Plus her Brother Ronald his wife Pearl and their 5 children, Donna Calawa, Robin, Ronald jr., Jamie and Jeff Messenger. Doris also leaves 3 nieces and nephews from her deceased brother Clifton, Steve and Gregory Messenger and Joanne Henderson of Granville.

Doris' funeral was held at the Westfield Evangelical Free Church in Southwick, Pastor David Young on April 1, 2006. Burial Pine Hill Cemetery, Westfield.

She was a wonderful lady and shall be missed by all who knew her.

Verna Bittles



Supporting community efforts to shape
the distinctive natural and cultural landscapes
of the Highlands region of Massachusetts.

For Immediate Release

April 13, 2006

Contact: Wendy Sweetser
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THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY OF MONROE STATE FOREST

Sunday May 7, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monroe State Forest

Join the Highland Communities Initiative in our efforts to learn about the special features of this region on an exploratory hike in one of its hidden gems—Dunbar Brook in Monroe State Forest. This natural and cultural history hike will showcase the region's thriving forest ecology and pristine rivers, as well as evidence of past human habitation. Led by naturalist Aimee Gelinas and historian Mike Whalen, this moderate hike with a few climbs culminates in a scenic overlook of the Deerfield watershed. \$15 per person (\$10 for Trustees of Reservations members), pre-registration required. For information or to register call (413) 268-8219 or email jchristensen@ttor.org.

UNDERSTANDING FRONTAGE FOR ANR (APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED)

Tuesday May 16 | Hinsdale Town Hall | 7 p.m.

The Highland Communities Initiative presents a workshop with Attorney Paul Bobrowski, who will introduce participants to the concept and requirements of frontage for ANR plans, and provide guidance for some of the trickier scenarios planning boards may expect to see come before them. Fee: \$5/person, Trustees of Reservations members free. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, call 413 268-8219 or email jchristensen@ttor.org.

MEET THE LAND TRUSTS

Wednesday May 24 | Cummington Community House | 7 p.m.

Interested in land conservation but can't keep all the land trusts straight? The Highland Communities Initiative presents an informational panel of the land trusts active in the Highlands region. Representatives from The Trustees of Reservations, the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy, the Hilltown Land Trust and the Franklin Land Trust will share information on how each of these organizations helps individual landowners conserve places they care about. For more information, call 413 268-8219 or email jchristensen@ttor.org.

ASSESSING CHAPTER 61 LAND

Wednesday June 7 | Worthington Historical Society | 7 p.m.

The Highland Communities Initiative offers town assessors, and landowners interested in understanding more about the Chapter 61 assessment process, an opportunity to learn how land is assessed under the Chapter 61 current use program, what assessors are looking for from landowners and how the assessed value and the rollback tax are determined. Free, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 413 268-8219 or email jchristensen@ttor.org.

About the Highland Communities Initiative

A program of The Trustees of Reservations, the Highland Communities Initiative is a group of neighbors and volunteers working to enhance the quality of life and rural character of our communities. HCI connects people and provides them with the information and support they need to preserve the special natural and cultural landscapes of the Highlands region. To find out more, please visit us at www.hIGHLANDCOMMUNITIES.ORG

May 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Board of Selectmen 6PM Finance Committee Meeting 7PM	2 "Nature of Tolland" Meeting 6:30PM	3 Dump open 5-7PM	4	5	6 Dump open 9-11AM
7 Dump open 3-7PM	8 Board of Selectmen 6PM Dump Committee 7PM	9 Historical Committee Meeting 6:30PM	10 Board of Appeals Hearing 6:30PM Dump open 5-7PM	11	12	13 Dump open 9-11AM
14 Dump open 3-7PM	15 Board of Selectmen 6PM Planning Board 7PM	16	17 Dump open 5-7PM	18	19	20 Town Election 10AM-2PM Dump open 9-11AM
21 Dump open 3-7PM	22 Board of Selectmen 6PM Annual Town Meeting 7:15PM	23	24 Dump open 5-7PM	25	26	27 Dump open 9-11AM
28 Dump open 3-7PM	29 Memorial Day Town Hall Closed	30	31 Dump open 5-7PM	Town Hall Hours Mon, Tues 8AM - 4PM Wed, 8AM- 12PM Library Hours Mon. 3 - 8:30PM Thurs. 11AM - 4PM Sat. 10AM - 12PM		

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